**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— What is the nature of the general supervision and management that they do in the Colony ?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— They are given instructions in regard to their moral and social habits and general method of living.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:** — Of the 19 wardens how many are there who belong to the depressed classes ?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— I want notice.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— Do any of them live in the Colonies ? Are they given Houses in the colonies ?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**—They live in the vicinity of the Colonies.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:**—Will the Government be pleased to see as far as possible that these wardens are taken from the depressed classes?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**—The Government will make all such arrangements that are possible.

**Mr. E Ikkanda Warriar:**—Do the Government insist upon the wardens to keep a diary of the work done by them ?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**—I want notice.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**—What is the nature of the supervision exercised over the work of the wardens by the Government?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**—The Protector makes a supervision over the wardens. He ascertains whether the wardens are doing their work properly or not.

## Leave—Officers in vacation Departments.

**291. Mr. P. Raman Menon:**— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have any objection to allow their officers who enjoy vacations, to claim privilege leave or furlough for half the periods they are legally entitled on their full pay, in lieu of the whole period for which they are eligible on half pay ?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran:**— Officers in vacation departments are eligible for privilege leave on full pay for half the period originally admissible on half pay, under the revised rules as they now stand. It is not proposed to apply this concession to furlough as it will involve the grant of increased leave allowance.

## Supply of salt.

**292. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) has the attention of the Government been drawn to an

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article on "കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തേക്കുള്ള ബോമ്പായി ഉപ്പ്" published on page 7 of Gomathi, dated 17th Mithunam 1110 ;

(2) are the statements in the article true ; if so, who is the contractor who is given contract for the supply of Tuticorin salt ; what is the contracted price ;

(3) was any tender called for this supply ;

(4) what is the contract price for the supply of Bombay salt; who is the contractor; was any tender called for prior to the grant of the contract ;

(5) which salt is better, Bombay or Tuticorin ;

(6) was any chemical analysis made of the two varieties ; if so when and what was the result?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian**:—(1) Yes. (2) and (3) The contract for the supply of 2,50,000 mds. of Bombay salt during each of the years 1111 and 1112 has been given to Messrs. Mahomed Ibrahim Mahomed Jaffer and Co., Bombay. No contract has been given yet for the supply of Tuticorin salt. It is, however, proposed to import 50,000 mds. of Tuticorin salt as a trial for which tenders are being called for.

(4) The contract price for the supply of Bombay salt is Rs. 53—4—0 per 100 mds. of *jad* and Rs. 52—4—0 per 100 mds. of *barras*. The contract has been given to Messrs. Mahomed Ibrahim Mahomed Jaffer and Co. Bombay, after inviting tenders

(5) Some of the samples of Tuticorin salt received appeared to be as good as Bombay salt.

(6) No.

**Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar**—Sir, on a point of information Is the price given here Rs. 53-4-0 and Rs. 52-4-0 F. O. B. Bombay or C. I. B. Cochin?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian**:—The price is paid for the salt supplied at Malipuram.

## Lands auctioned for arrears of land revenue.

**293. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen**:—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of land owners whose lands were auctioned for arrears of land revenue in 1108, 1109 and 1110 ?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon**:—

| Year. | Number of land owners. |
|---|---|
| 1108 | 90 |
| 1109 | 184 |
| 1110 | 232 |

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